



EXHIBIT A
LISTING OF THE CLAIMS AND AMENDMENTS
(07-14-2004)

Amendments to the specification

Please amend the "Abstract of the Disclosure" starting on page 26 as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cover piece and method for covering an opening of a drinking container, such as in the lid of a coffee cup. The cover piece has sufficient flexural stiffness so that it can be grasped conveniently and properly positioned over the opening, and yet is sufficiently flexible so that it can properly perform its opening operation. It comprises a cover section having a greater lateral length dimension, and ~~in the covering position a~~ tab extending outwardly from the cover portion when the cover piece is in the covering position.